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DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Enclosed are replacement sheets for all 3 sheets of the drawings.

The cross-hatching for the cuffs in Figures 4, 5 and 8 is changed to plastic and the cross-hatching for the welds in Figure 8 is changed to plastic.

In addition, a free-standing lead line is added for reference numeral 43, Figure 8, the lead line having been omitted previously.

Each of the three affected sheets of the drawings has been identified as "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin.

REMARKS

This **AMENDMENT** is intended (1) to implement the drawing changes approved and required by the examiner in the **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT** enclosed with the **NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE** dated 01/13/2006; and (2) to add to the as-filed **Summary of the Invention** of the present application the amendments made to the claims during examination, including those listed in said **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**..

1. Amendment of the Drawings

At page 3 of the **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT** enclosed with the **NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE**, the examiner stated:

The following changes in the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant. In Figures 4, 5 and 8, the cross-hatching for the cuffs should correspond to plastic and not to metal. In Figure 8, the cross-hatching for the welds should correspond to plastic. See MPEP 608.02. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

As alluded to in the separate **DRAWING AMENDMENTS** section above, and to implement the examiner's requirements, enclosed are replacement sheets, so identified, for all 3 sheets of the drawings. In the replacement sheets, the cross-hatching is changed to plastic for the cuffs in Figures 4, 5 and 8 and for the welds in Figure 8.

Also, the inadvertently omitted lead line has been added for reference numeral 43, Figure 8. Component 43 is the combination of components 45 and 48.

In view of the above, acceptance and entry of the drawing amendments and the replacement drawing sheets and drawing revisions are believed proper and are respectfully requested.

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2. Amendment of Specification

In the preceding section titled **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**, revised and new summaries of the amended and new claims 1 and 4-10 are added to the **Summary of the Invention** of the present application. The scope of the summaries corresponds to the scope of the associated claims. No new matter is added. The amendatory matter includes that entered in the **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT** included with the **NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE** dated 01/13/2006. This **AMENDMENT** is being mailed in an envelope containing **PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL**, PTOL-85, and, thus, is being filed before or with payment of the issue fee, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.312. Entry is believed proper and is respectfully requested..

3. Summary of Action Requested

Entry and approval of the drawing amendments, the drawing replacement sheets, and the specification amendments are, again, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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